

# **BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 5:15 PM  
City Council Chambers

## **Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Chair Baldacci, Councilor Nealley, Councilor Graham, and Councilor Plourde

City Staff Present: Tanya Emery, Cathy Conlow, Caitlin Brooke, Jeremy Martin, Paul Nicklas, Jeff Wallace, David Gould, Steve Bolduc, and Tyler Collins

Chair Baldacci called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Plourde moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion which passed as it was not doubted. The items approved are as follows:

- 1. Community Development Residential Rehabilitation Loan – 293 Grove St.**
- 2. Extension of Lease Agreement with USABFIT, LLC**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3. Conceptual Design Approval for Babe the Blue Ox**

Jay Martin introduced the item and Rob Frank, WBRC Architects-Engineers, discussed design schematics of the proposed sculpture.

Mr. Paul LeClair asked how this would be financed. Caitlin Brooke, Development Specialist/Downtown Coordinator, indicated that this was just the Conceptual Design phase of the process. If approved, the next step will be the Detailed Design Phase (in accordance with the Guidelines and Procedures for Evaluation and Accepting Public Art and Monuments to be Located on City Property.)

Councilor Nealley moved approval of the Conceptual Design Phase. Councilor Plourde seconded the motion. Councilor Graham doubted the motion. The vote was three in favor and one opposed (Councilor Graham).

#### **4. ARTober Update**

Kierie Piccininni, Cultural Commission Chair, gave an update of the numerous events that have been put together for Artober to celebrate arts and culture throughout Bangor for the entire month of October.

Councilors expressed their support for the event. Councilor Graham asked about the budget for this event and Staff indicated that they would e-mail a copy of it to the City Councilors.

No action was taken on this item.

#### **5. Update: Signage for "Continuity of Community" Sculpture on Bangor Waterfront**

Caitlin Brooke, Development Specialist/Downtown Coordinator, explained that the Commission on Cultural Development is requesting approval on signage to identify the "Continuity of Community" Sculpture located on the Bangor Waterfront. The Commission was directed by the Council in January to revise the sign's language to include more historical information. The Commission worked with the Bangor Public Library to research historic details regarding the sculpture.

If approved by the Committee Staff will proceed in obtaining quotes for review by the Commission on Cultural Development.

Councilor Graham discussed with Staff the wording of the language.

Councilor Plourde moved approval of the language as written. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion. It was a vote as it was not doubted.

#### **6. Commercial Trash & Recycling in the Downtown District**

Caitlin Brooke explained this item has been before the BED Committee on several occasions. The Committee requested that Staff look into this and gather information on what other cities are doing for commercial trash removal in crowded downtown areas. Ms. Brooke noted that in discussions with several downtown businesses and property owners, commercial trash disposal does not appear to be a pressing issue with them. Staff recommended monitoring the situation and if at a future date it is determined that things have changed, then Staff would meet with the downtown stakeholders and come up with a plan.

Councilor Plourde asked about central recycling as he would like to see what the expenses would be. Councilor Graham said that there is a real need for it with all of the cardboard boxes merchants have to dispose of.

Community and Economic Development Director Emery indicated that the costs would be for City Staff to remove the recycling materials.

It was the consensus of Committee Members for Staff to talk to Public Works Director Dana Wardwell about the possibility for central recycling and then placing this as an agenda item on a future Infrastructure Committee meeting.

## **7. Proposed Fifteen Minute Parking Space – Merchants Plaza**

Director Emery indicated that the proposed Ordinance would add a 15-minute downtown parking space on Merchants Plaza. In the past business owners and residents were allowed to use the pocket park on Merchants Plaza. However, the potential for damage to the former park has led the City to discontinue this practice but the need for a loading area still remains. Adding a 15-minute parking space on Merchants Plaza would provide for this need.

Councilor Plourde moved to recommend approval to the full Council. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion. The motion was not doubted and passed.

## **8. Discussion – Rural Residence & Agricultural (RR&A) District**

Paul Nicklas provided the Committee with proposed language for a possible amendment to the Rural Residence and Agricultural District regarding landscaping businesses.

Committee Members asked Staff to work on language that would clarify the difference between a landscaping business that would be considered a permitted use versus a landscaping business that was deemed to be a conditional use.

Councilor Nealley moved to approve the proposed language with the clarifying addition as described. Councilor Plourde seconded the motion. It was a vote as it was not doubted.

## **9. Demolition of 44 Patten Street**

Director Emery indicated that all of the steps have been taken in the process and Staff is requesting permission to move forward with demolition of the property at 44 Patten Street.

Councilor Graham moved approval of the demolition of 44 Patten Street. Councilor Nealley seconded the motion. The motion passed as it was not doubted.

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.